

# RECORD

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

**JUNO'S widow, Alice,** is coming to this country.

There are 407 newspapers published in London.

CALIFORNIA'S rainy season is the wettest since 1869.

Shoes with pointed toes and low heels are in style.

The Kansas Legislature has convened in extra session.

A TAMS cougar follows at the heel of an Oregon cowboy.

The Governor of Texas issues his message in four languages.

The American colony in Paris numbers about 3,000 people.

The census of 1880 places the number of Mormons at 110,377.

A STEEL steamer for Siam is being built at Wilmington, Del.

MISS CLEVELAND always speaks of her brother as "the President."

There are 125 American students at the University of Berlin this year.

Firms in New York and Philadelphia hire out clean cuffs and collars.

There is centering about New York Bay a population of 2,000,000 people.

A LOS ANGELES (Cal.) woman employs her whole time in the care of fox cubs.

T. HARNUM is said to be growing stooped-shouldered with the weight of his years.

Sons is to be manufactured from the water of Soda Lake, Churchill County, Nev.

BRADLAUGH kissed the Bible and took his seat in the House of Commons, the other day.

OVER 600 people were reported as missing to the Philadelphia police during the year 1885.

The Pullman Palace Car Company is said to have absorbed the Mann Company patents.

A PHILADELPHIA baker has buried six children and married a third wife within a year.

DETROIT will try a new experiment—a coach with three wheels, in place of the horse.

THOUSANDS of cattle are reported frozen to death in Indian Territory by the late blizzard.

WINTER wheat in the wheat raising States is reported as being in splendid condition.

THE NEWARK, N. J., dog-bitten children have gone into the museum business at New York.

M. DE LESSERS has set the date for his sailing through the Isthmus canal, December 31, 1885.

THE Australian harvest is over. Ninety thousand tons of wheat will be available for export.

STRAWBERRIES are selling in New York at four dollars a box. They were raised in hot-houses.

A PHILADELPHIA sausage factory takes the cake in the shape of a sausage sixty-four feet long.

PHYSICIANS trace a good deal of pneumonia to low-cut dresses worn at the opera and elsewhere.

HAN JACINTO, CAL., has fifty flowing artesian wells. The first well was put down only a year ago.

A CALL has been issued for an Irish National League convention to be held at Chicago next May.

ONE of the new members of the Nebraska Legislature is named Yardwide. We suppose he is all wool, too.

A BILL will be introduced in the English Parliament permitting women to vote in Parliamentary elections.

THE "meatman man" lives in New York. A few days ago he took off his wife's corset leg and pawned it for whisky.

A MAN over sixty years of age lives near Butteville, Ore., who is the father of thirty-two children by three wives.

THE official records of San Bernardino County, Cal., do not show a single birth or death in the county during 1885.

IT is among the possibilities that an Irish Parliament may convene on College Green in Dublin, before the end of the year.

A WIDOW and a widower were recently married at Niles, Mich., who again start in married life with twenty-five children.

PROF. LANDMARK, Chief Director of the Norwegian fisheries, asserts that salmon sometimes jump perpendicularly sixteen feet.

THE building of the ice palace at St. Paul, postponed on account of the cold weather, has been resumed, and will soon be completed.

SOUTH America is more than double the size of the United States. The Empire of Brazil is twenty-four times the size of England.

THE agricultural classes of Germany are petitioning the Reichstag against a single standard of currency, and are strongly in favor of silver.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT MILLER, at Nanticoke, Pa., locked tardy boys out during the recent cold spell. The legs of one boy may have to be amputated.

THE population of London for this year is given as 5,100,104, of whom 60,000 are foreigners, 49,534 Scotch; 60,778 Irish; 3,314 blind, and 1,074 deaf and dumb.

AN improved hand saw is coming into use in the Northern pineries which is said to be a great saving of lumber, by cutting a thinner kerf than the circular saw.

THE Mayor of Washington, Washington County, Kas., issued a proclamation recently closing the skating rinks inside the corporate limits on the ground of immoral tendency.

IT is estimated that there are 90,000 traveling salesmen on the road in this country, and that their expense accounts alone will average \$1,500 a year, a total of \$135,000,000 per annum.

PARIS is convulsed over the number and atrocity of murders committed in that city lately. The newspapers recorded eleven murders and five attempts to murder within six days.

## EMPTY GRAVES.

**Decatur, Georgia, in a Furious Fervor of Exultation.**

Body-Snatchers' Work—Several Coffins Examined, but the Silent Occupants Were Gone.

DECATUR, Ga., January 22.—This community is greatly excited over the repeated discovery of the graves of the dead in the edge of the town. The discovery is made, and many of the lots are well cared for. There the bodies of the dead have been laid to rest for three or four years. A part of the cemetery is set aside as "God's acre," and there the poor are laid away. Up to a week ago no one dreamed that the bodies in the cemetery had been disturbed, but last week Joe Smith, the sexton of the cemetery, directed attention to himself, and was watched that night. With George Vaughn, the negro janitor of the Atlanta Medical College, he was detected in the act of robbing the grave of Israel Sanford. Vaughn gave bond, while Smith was lodged in jail. The body was recovered, and Smith is still in jail. About two weeks ago Simon Read, a colored man aged seventy-five years, died. He was buried in "God's Acre." When it was found that the body of Sanford was missing, a great many people began to wonder if old man Read's had gone the same way. Public opinion ran high, and pressure was brought on the Mayor, Kirkpatrick, and several other gentlemen went to the graves, accompanied by a force of men, to see if there was anything missing. The first grave examined was that of Simon Read. The negroes with shovels set upon the grave and were soon at the coffin. It was empty, save a pair of breeches and one or two minor pieces of wearing apparel. The body of the old man had been taken away, and was then, no doubt, being well cared in some dear's vault. The negroes who were shoveling dirt grew very much excited and did not seem to be urged to greater exertion. As soon as it was clearly seen that Read's body was gone, they set to work on two other graves that were very near together. Both graves of colored people and when the coffins were reached it was found that they were empty. The men were then put to work on the grave of a white lady whose death occurred some weeks ago. When the planks were in the ground, the Mayor, Kirkpatrick, said: "It is no use to go further in this grave. I saw this lady buried and I know these planks have not been disturbed." The coffin was therefore not touched. The Mayor then ordered the graves that the Mayor felt authorized to open, and the work was abandoned at that point. There are other graves in the cemetery, and it is believed that there will be still more graves opened. The general impression is that there has been a good deal of grave-robbing in the vicinity of Atlanta. Of late several robberies have been detected, and it is believed that about these parts many a mound rises above an empty coffin.

**A Rumpus in the Ohio Senate.**

COLUMBUS, O., January 22.—In the Senate today President Kennedy held a polemic regarding a resolution to take up the Hamilton County case. An appeal was made from the decision and sustained. The Chairman then rose to a question of privilege, and pointedly defined his authority and duties as presiding officer, which he said, would be observed according to law and precedent, regardless of the views adopted by the majority to abridge his constitutional rights. On the question of the adoption of a minority report by the Committee on Privileges and Elections, the Hamilton County case was taken up. The Chairman declared the report adopted by the majority, and the Senate adjourned at 4 p. m. Monday.

**Seacoast Fortifications Recommended.**

WASHINGTON, January 22.—The Secretary of War today submitted the report of the Fortifications Board. It is a long document, and describes fully the necessity of better coast defenses. It estimated that it will require about \$120,000,000 to establish a good system of defenses. A recommendation is made that an appropriation of \$27,000,000 be made at the present session of Congress to secure the necessary plan for beginning the construction of such heavy ordnance as will be required. The board also suggests the establishment of two Government foundries, and recommends the construction of torpedo boats for harbor protection.

**Chinese Danites.**

ST. LOUIS, January 22.—In the Chinese murder trial yesterday it was found that the defendant belonged to a secret society which had its "Danites" to punish with death any member who betrayed the secrets of the organization. The Order of the Golden Hatchet. A Chinese witness yesterday refused to give any information about the Society, alleging that he would be assassinated in a month. Several members of the Order are in every city, whose duty it is to obey the orders of the Society in the matter of putting objectionable Chinese out of the way.

**A Mendacious Merchant.**

OTTAWA, ONT., January 24.—A merchant of Calgary, named Ferland, who has been among the Indians of the North-west, but who has a grievance against the Dominion Government, is said to have set afoot all the sensational stories about the threatened uprising. Sir John Macdonald, who arrived here yesterday, says that there is not the slightest indication of trouble, and that all the agents of his department report the Indians on all reserves quiet and perfectly satisfied.

**Fifty-eight Cavalry Horses Burned.**

ST. CESTER, MONT., January 22.—The cavalry stable with fifty-eight horses were burned at the post here today.

## A POOR-HOUSE BURNED.

**And Five of the Unfortunate Inmates Perish in the Flames.**

JACKSON, MICH., January 24.—The County Poor-house was almost entirely destroyed by fire at 1 o'clock this morning. There were forty inmates, and all escaped but five, who perished in the flames. The remains of the victims were brought to the city today. The dead are as follows: Dolly Martin, aged 60, insane, an inmate for twelve years; Kate Avery, aged 70, insane, an inmate for ten years; Jane Atkins, aged 70, insane, an inmate for ten years; Zena Boynton, aged 92, deaf; Charles Elliot, aged 73, blind. The building is situated in a lonely spot about four miles from the city. It was recently built at a cost of \$12,000. The fire, the origin of which is unknown, broke out in the inmates' kitchen, and the whole interior was destroyed. The thermometer at the time registered 10 degrees below zero. All the inmates lost their clothing, rushing out into the snow in a naked condition. Five of the paupers were brought to the city and housed. Some of these will die from the effects of the exposure they were subjected to. John Doberty, the headman, brought three of the inmates down the fire-escape in his arms, thus saving their lives. An infant boy, nineteen years of age, was found in bed and was rescued by means of the fire-escape. There were also two female inmates, about the place when the fire broke out and they rescued the inmates before other help arrived. Wm. Mills, one of the inmates, was the man who first issued Sanders' Spelling Book. At one time he was worth a quarter of a million dollars.

**A MOST BRUTAL MURDER.**

**An Old Lady Wantonly Killed by a Negro Near Henderson, Ky.—The Murderer Lynched.**

HENDERSON, January 24.—A cruel murder was committed before daylight this morning three miles below this place. Calvin Simpson, a Union County negro, broke into the house of an old white lady named Mrs. Graves. She and two daughters fled from the house, followed by Simpson. The old lady was overtaken and killed with a hatchet. Simpson then went to a neighbor's house. Simpson then went to a neighbor's house, a near neighbor drove him out, and took possession. Simpson fortified himself in the house, and the neighbors gathered around and battered down the door and arrested Simpson, who was brought here and put in jail. He feigns insanity, and is quite unable to talk of lynching. He is quiet to night.

**EVANSVILLE, IND., January 23.**—A special to the Journal from Henderson at 9 this morning states that a mob took to the Simpson, the multiple murderer of Mrs. Graves, from the jail at half past 1 o'clock, and hung him to a tree half a mile from town, after which they riddled the body with bullets. Simpson was a talk of lynching, and strung him up. They then retired and left him hanging. There have been so many murders in that section of country that the people are resolved to stop the business.

**SEVEN RAVING MANIACS.**

**A Whole Family Rendered Crazy by Being Shamefully Swindled.**

ST. LOUIS, January 24.—Seven brothers, all raving maniacs, en route for the Jackson, Ill., asylum, passed through this city yesterday. The Commissioner in charge of the lunatics states that prior to the case a wealthy farmer by the name of Dr. Revere, started on a journey to the Ordinary of Loganville, a license to marry Miss Octavia N. A. of that place. As he was walking out of the Ordinary's office, he was passed by Mr. John Jackson, who secured a license to marry the same lady. Dr. Revere mounted his horse, and giving the spur, started out at full gallop for the lady's house. Five minutes later Jackson, in a full pursuit of the doctor, having five minutes the start, was married to the girl by the time his rival reached the scene. It seems that he was engaged to both, and had named the same day and hour for each to appear as his groom. It was not until the licenses were issued that the two men found out the true state of affairs.

**TWO CONFIDENCE MEN**

**Who Imposed on Evangelist Steve Holcomb and His Louisville Converts.**

LOUISVILLE, January 24.—R. D. McKelvey, aged 35, son of David McKelvey, Mayor of Allegheny City, Pa., was arrested to-night at the instance of the evangelist, Steve Holcomb, who charged him with obtaining money under false pretenses. McKelvey and his partner, Robert Brooks, were converts at Holcomb's earnest exhortations at the meetings. McKelvey borrowed money from Holcomb, saying he wished to go into the peddling business. Yesterday he eloped with Miss Lizzie Ellett, a member of Holcomb's congregation, who clerks in a shoe store. An investigation, showing that McKelvey and Brooks were sharp who have served terms in the penitentiary, and who have been working confidence games in other cities, led to the arrest.

**Eleven Dead Bodies Recovered.**

WILMINGTON, W. VA., January 24.—Since yesterday eleven more bodies have been recovered from the Newburg mines. The bodies were found in various positions, some with arms extended as if about to pursue their usual work, others with arms and limbs contracted as if in a fearful agony. All were terribly burned and the faces and their distorted features told of their terrible sufferings, but none were so mutilated as the three that were recovered yesterday. One man was found face down with his head on his arm as he had escaped the violence of the explosion, and assumed that position in hope of finding sufficient air to prolong life until rescued, but this theory is contradicted by practical miners, who think the men were all killed by the explosion.

**His Mother's Dream Comes Sadly True.**

WYANDOTT, KAN., January 24.—A young man named J. S. Conner, from Stella, Neb., arrived here yesterday to take a position as telegraph operator at the Missouri Pacific Depot. He was found dead in his bed at Ryan's Hotel this morning. He had blown out the gas and suffocated. A letter was found in his pocket from his mother, saying that she had dreamed he was dead.

**Both Apparently Sent on War.**

LONDON, January 23.—Turkey is making the greatest naval preparations, fearing action by Greece.

ARUNDA, January 24.—The army will soon be ordered to cross the frontier.

## FIRE IN A SHIP'S HOLD.

**The Dangerous Element Smolders Through Nine Days at Sea.**

Nearly Fatal Experiences of Four Firemen, Who Were Overcome by Smoke in the Hold, and Fell Inanimate, but Were Reached in Time to Save Life.

NEW YORK, January 20.—At 5:30 o'clock last evening the Arrow Line Steamer Crystal, which left Leith on December 30, deeply laden with a cargo of spigal iron, sails, rope, and hemp, moved into quarantine. This morning her Captain came ashore and reported that the cargo under No. 3 hatch of the hold had been burning nine days. The police boat, patrol and the fire-boat W. F. Havermyer reached the side of the vessel shortly after 5 o'clock, and when hatch No. 3 was removed a cloud of smoke and flame shot up, and soon eight streams of water were pouring into the vessel's hold. For half an hour the pumping was kept up without material effect, when four men were sent down to investigate. The smoke was pouring out in black clouds, almost stifling those on deck, and the stench was horrible. The men disappeared from view, and remained so long that a relief party was sent down to find them. On going down they found all four lying on the floor, inanimate. More rescuers went down, and, with great difficulty, brought up the four men. As soon as they were recovered, the men said the fire, which was located on the starboard side of the hold, had smoldered so long that it had good hold of the cargo, and it would be necessary to fill the hatch with water. This was begun, and with the assistance of the fireboat Zophar Mills, which was sent for, the work was accomplished, and the fire extinguished about 5 o'clock this afternoon. The loss to the cargo is about \$10,000. The damage to the vessel is slight. Captain Stannard, the commander of the Crystal, said the vessel was about seven hundred miles from Sandy Hook when the fire was discovered. Its origin was due to some combustible material. The ship's crew had closed up the hatch, and the fire smoldered in the hold, and endeavored to smother the flames. They thought they had subdued it, and he did not think it necessary to report the fact that there had been a fire on board. John McCarthy, one of the rescued firemen, said: "When we began to descend the gangway, the smoke was so thick we could see nothing. The stench was fearful, and the men reaching the bottom were nearly suffocated. We landed on some bales of rope, and groped around to find the fire. The heat was intense and the smoke thick, and I felt that I was getting dizzy. We tried to reach the gangway, but couldn't find it, and then I fell. I rolled over, and tried to crawl on my hands and knees to the gangway. I remember no more until the men reached me. The Crystal sails from Newcastle, England."

**ENGAGED TO BOTH.**

Exciting Race for the Hand of a Georgia Girl.

LAURENSVILLE, GA., January 20.—Yesterday Dr. A. D. Revere, a well-known physician of this place, secured from the Ordinary of Loganville, a license to marry Miss Octavia N. A. of that place. As he was walking out of the Ordinary's office, he was passed by Mr. John Jackson, who secured a license to marry the same lady. Dr. Revere mounted his horse, and giving the spur, started out at full gallop for the lady's house. Five minutes later Jackson, in a full pursuit of the doctor, having five minutes the start, was married to the girl by the time his rival reached the scene. It seems that he was engaged to both, and had named the same day and hour for each to appear as his groom. It was not until the licenses were issued that the two men found out the true state of affairs.

**Ex-President Arthur in Poor Health.**

NEW YORK, January 20.—The Tribune this morning says the health of Ex-President Arthur has caused some anxiety during the last few weeks. He has been under treatment for severe indigestion, and his diet has been restricted to the simplest articles of food. He has suffered much from insomnia and the attendant nervous exhaustion. Dr. George C. Peters, who has been his physician for many years, says there is nothing in the Ex-President's condition to occasion alarm. General Arthur has given up going to his bed, but his counsel is sought at times at his home. He is not confined to his bed, and though he is able to go out he rarely does so.

**Statistics of Prohibition in Iowa.**

DES MOINES, IA., January 20.—The State Temperance Alliance, in session here today, received reports from the different Congressional districts as to the enforcement of prohibition, and elected officers for the ensuing year. The Secretary reported a general increase of the law in most parts of the State. He announced that 70 saloons have been reported by Justices of the Peace as closed; that 47 towns have reported a majority of the population in favor of the enforcement, and that about \$5,000 in fines has been paid by violators of the prohibitory law in Justices' Courts alone.

**A Fight With Strikers.**

PITTSBURGH, January 20.—A dispatch from Mount Pleasant, tonight says: Sheriff Stewart and forty deputies and Detectives Brophy and forty armed police from Pittsburgh, had a desperate conflict with 200 striking Hungarian miners. Over a hundred shots were fired, and several strikers and one officer were wounded. The labor troubles in the Pennsylvania coke regions continue to be serious. Three hundred strikers, armed with all kinds of weapons, are roving about, attacking all who do not join with them.

**Tunnel Under the Mersey.**

LIVERPOOL, January 20.—The tunnel between Liverpool and Berkenhead, under the Mersey, was formally opened today by the Prince of Wales and his two sons, Prince Albert and George. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather—a heavy fog prevailing and snow falling—there were large crowds present both at Berkenhead and Liverpool.

**Big Sandy Railroad Leased.**

CINCINNATI, January 20.—The property of the Big Sandy Railroad has been leased to the Newport News and Mississippi Valley Company. This completes the consolidation of all the roads in the system between Chesapeake Bay and New Orleans.

## XLIXTH CONGRESS.

**First Session.**

WASHINGTON, January 20.—SENATE.—Mr. Hale offered a resolution, which was agreed to, relating to the employment of convict labor on the public buildings at Peoria, Ill. Mr. Mitchell offered a resolution asking for the correspondence in connection with the enforcement of treaty provisions. Referred. Bills introduced to facilitate the business of the Supreme Court, the Circuit Courts, and the Court of Claims; to facilitate the giving of bonds required by law; to provide for the coinage of half dollars, quarter dollars and dimes, to contain respectively one-half, one-quarter, and one-tenth the amount of standard silver contained in the standard silver dollar; to extend the provision of the act for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands. Mr. Morrill addressed the Senate on the silver question in favor of suspension. Messrs. Teller, Beck, McPherson and Hoar took part in a spirited debate at its close. At 2:40 p. m. the Senate went into executive session, and at 4:20 p. m. adjourned.

HOUSE.—Bills were reported from the Committee on Naval Affairs. Mr. Watson called up a bill to amend the act relating to the pension of widows and dependent relatives of soldiers. It was debated without action. A bill to amend the act relating to the pension of soldiers, was introduced in committee of the whole, and the regular order was a bill to purchase the Public Exchange property in New York. This was finally passed, and at 4:40 p. m. the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, January 21.—SENATE.—Bills introduced: To enable the people of the Territory of Dakota to form a Constitutional and State Government; to prevent the demonstration of Indian coin by certain persons in the United States. Laid on the table for the present, by request. The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bills on the calendar. The first bill in order was one to amend the act relating to the pension of soldiers, and to secure the relinquishment of Indian title to the remaining lands of the Sioux. It was debated without action, and the bill to provide for the counting of the Electoral vote was taken up, and Mr. Sherman took the floor and addressed the Senate. Mr. Sherman then offered an amendment striking from the bill the clause allowing either house to extend the vote, and providing that in case of disagreement between the houses the question in dispute should be submitted to a joint convention of both houses, and the bill to provide for the counting of the Electoral vote was taken up, and Mr. Sherman took the floor and addressed the Senate. Mr. Sherman then offered an amendment striking from the bill the clause allowing either house to extend the vote, and providing that in case of disagreement between the houses the question in dispute should be submitted to a joint convention of both houses, and the bill to provide for the counting of the Electoral vote was taken up, and Mr. Sherman took the floor and addressed the Senate. 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